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Baseball Outlook

The Football season having been completed, and intercollegiate Basketball having been forbidden by the Faculty, the thoughts of the College are gradually turning toward Baseball. The general interest has been heightened by the announcement that, thru the generosity of Mr. Alexander Soper, the team will be taken on a southern trip, commencing April second and lasting at least nine days. Mr. Soper has offered to make up any financial deficit that may occur. It is believed that this trip, the first of its kind in the history of the College, will afford the team the practice necessary for winning Baseball. An unfortunate circumstance is to be found in the fact that the Varsity will be deprived of the services of Sarles, Judson and Titus, '10, and Allen, '11, who will probably accompany the Musical Clubs on their Easter trip. The tentative schedule for the Spring series follows:

April 2, New York U. at N. Y.
April 4, Lafayette at Easton.
April 5, Muhlenberg at Allentown.
April 6, Lehigh at South Bethlehem.
April 7, Johns Hopkins at Baltimore or Georgetown at Georgetown.
April 8, Delaware at Newark.
April 9, Columbia at New York.
April 11, Stevens Inst. at Hoboken.

Manager Jones announces that the game with George Washington University on April 7th has been cancelled.

For the remainder of the season the schedule includes Hamilton's usual opponents. Two preliminary games will be played, in all probability with the Utica State League team. On May 2d the Varsity will meet St. Lawrence on the Campus; Union and Hobart follow May 6th and 12th, respectively. On May 17th, 18th and 19th the team will go on a trip, playing Syracuse, Rochester and Hobart; the final arrangements for these three games have not yet been completed. Rochester is our next opponent, playing here May 25th. On the 30th the Varsity plays a return game with Union at Schenectady, and on June 1st meets Colgate at Clinton. A second game with the same team a week later completes the schedule, making a total of five games to be played at home and an equal number away.

The prospects for the coming year are particularly favorable. The Varsity has lost but two men by graduation, and it is confidently expected that their places will be filled from the Freshman ranks. At present the weakest spot in the team seeems to be behind the bat. Captain Judson and Manion, both of whom caught last year, are needed in the infield, where they regularly play. A first baseman will be selected from Mitchell, Allen and Woods, while Hallock, Knox and Batchelor will try out for second. Capt. Judson will be available for short-stop and Titus and Getman for third base. The outfield will probably be chosen from Sarles, Walker, C. Root and J. Evans. With Allen, Drummond, Bagg and Porter in College, an excellent pitching staff is assured.

At present there is a deficit in the Baseball Department, and present indications point toward a benefit performance by The Charlatans during Junior Week, in order to put the department on a sound financial basis.

Bowling

By recent action of the Director of Intramural Sports, Bowling will be included in the activities of the department for the coming season. The reason for the action lies chiefly in the fact that there will be practically no other branch of athletics in College during winter term, and it is expected that by the change, greater interest will be excited in the sport. Heretofore, Bowling has been maintained by the students under private management, with the result that only a small part of the College has participated. It is the intention of the Management to conduct sevral tournaments this winter and to form an Interfraternity League.

The membership of the Bowling Club at present numbers only 20, but this number will be largely increased now that the football season is over. The price of membership this year is $2, instead of $1 per term. As before, Swift, '10, and Sheffield, '11, will continue in charge of the Alleys.

Musical Clubs Trips

The Musical Clubs, by almost daily practice, are rapidly rounding into shape for a public appearance, and Manager Engs is developing his plans for the coming season. They include a concert before the College this term, the usual Prom. week concert, a four days winter trip, and a week's trip during Easter vacation. G. Floyd King has arranged the first concert, which is to be given in the Scollard Opera House. Monday, December 6. To have the first concert before the college assures a more appreciative, as well as a more ably critical, audience. On February 16, 17, 18 and 19 the Clubs will fill engagements in four towns in the western part of the state, probably along the line of last year's Easter trip. The climax of the season will be a concert in New York and Brooklyn, following a trip down the Hudson. This is practically the route of the 1908 Clubs. The fact that the Musical Clubs are always so heartily welcomed back to towns where they have once appeared, speaks well for the manner in which the organization represents the Colleg. After Manager Engs has personally gone over the ground to be covered in these trips, he will be able to announce definitely the engagements of the Clubs.

The outlook for a successful season is most propitious, and everything points to very pleasant trips for the Clubs and a valuable advertisement for the College.

Press Club

With less announcement and fewer promises than heretofore, the Press Club has secured far better results than in any previous year. So far, the work has been almost entirely in the hands of Renwick and Engs, '10, but the constant attention of two enterprising men has proved more successful than the scattered energies of a dozen. As an example of their success, over one hundred and twenty "local" articles have, thru the Press Club, found space in various newspapers. Besides this, the athletic reports have received more prominence than usual, and numerous special articles on the College have appeared A picture of Captain Glover was publish-

ed last week in Leslie's Weekly. McNair, '10, and Parry, '11, the local correspondents of the Utica papers, have been faithful and successful in their cooperation with the Press Club to secure greater publicity of matters Hamiltonian.

In New York and Chicago the Club's work has been greatly aided by influential alumni. Chester M. Lord, of the *New York Sun,* Edwin Rockwell of the *Brooklyn Eagle,* Martin J. Hutchins, of the *Chicago Evening Journal,* George H. Hinman, of the *Inter-Ocean* and Schuyler Brandt are among the prominent newspaper men who have been able to assist in making the work successful.

Beginning with next week, a Weekly Bulletin of current happenings will be sent out to over seventy-five newspapers. Besides this, the work with Prep. School publications will be continued, and special articles issued from time to time.

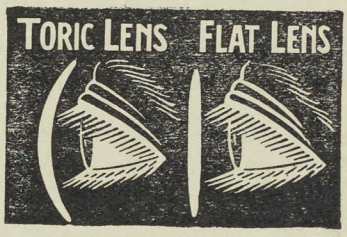
This year's Press Club has the hearty support of Dr. Stryker, of the Trustees, of the Alumni and of the student-body. It has sufficient funds to carry on its work for some time. Success cannot help but continue.

D. T.

For some weeks past five of the members of the Sophomore class have been wearing the cork, and amusing the class and the College by their antics. They were elected to the D. T. Club to fill vacancies caused by the failure of some of the men to return to College this year.

On Saturday evning these men, Dorrance, Knox, Peters, Bagg and Grant, all of 1912, crossed the burning sands, and became full-fledged D. T's. Many of the alumni were present. That they enjoyed "the swing" is rather a questionable statement, but, at least, the banquet held afterwards at the Yates Hotel in Uitca was some compensation. The evening closed with the weird Dreizehn yell of the Club, and many a Freshman, who heard it, wondered if his turn would sometime come.

—The standing in the Freshman LIFE competition is as follows: Porter, Lyon, Clark, Blackmar, Dewey, Batchelor, Stone, Wheelock, Groves, North.



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A FOOTBALL SUPPLEMENT is printed in this issue. It aims to be both a record of the past season, and an intelligent criticism of the individual work of the men on the team. That it will serve this purpose is the earnest desire of the critic. However, the College must realize that any criticism can be, at most, but the personal opinion of one man, and, as such, cannot possibly be the idea of all. We submit it, as it is, and hope that the critique will meet with general approval as an intelligent, frank comment, and that the Supplement will prove of value to the College.

THE EDITORIAL on "Football and Hamilton Spirit," which appeared in the November issue of *Lit.* is a frank expression of the situation as *Lit.* sees it. In the main, LIFE agrees with its sentiment; Football should not be abolished under any consideration, and we would add our plea, urging the Alumni and the College to obtain some good Football material for next year. Everyone together; we have a task before us and we must not fail.

DURING THE PAST WEEK the President received a communication from the company which operates the automatic confectionery machines in the various theatres thruout the State. In it the writer stated that on the evening after the Union game, when a great part of the College attended the Shubert Theatre, many of these machines had been surreptitiously removed. And the men who took them were not satisfied with this, but must also take part of the seats at the same time.

Now, the thing has been done, and there is no remedy for the matter, but it does not seem at all radical to say that such acts of vandalism should not be countenanced. In the first place, it gives the College and the men who go to make it up, an evil and unenviable reputation. We all admit that such a repute is a thing to be avoided rather than courted, as it would seem that some of the student-body are doing. Second, even college men should have some respect for the property of other people, and realize that it is not public property to use as anyone wills.

Perhaps we are not placing the accusation of guilt where it should fall, but what other conclusion can be drawn? In any case, speaking of the matter at this time should suffice as a warning for future time.

THE WORK OF THE PRESS CLUB is reported in another column of this issue. We have only commendation for its efforts. In past years the chief function of the Press Club has been to print stationery for its members, and now and then get some article in print in the journal of a near-by town. This year it has been different. Active, tangible work has been done, and a vast amount, considering the past, of good advertising accomplished for the College. It is a good sight for Hamilton men to see a picture of the 'Varsity captain in the last issue of *Leslie's Weekly*. It had never occurred before, and was surely a testimonial of the work the two Seniors, who at present compose the Club, are doing. And LIFE wants to say right here, that Renwick, '10, who is the executive head of the work of the Club, is the hardest worker in the present student-body. We feel that a man who has done and is doing the work that is credited to him, should receive some recognition for it. Perhaps the college is not aware of the fact, but this same man overcut last term in order to make the arrangements for last year's successful Interscholastic Day—and he suffered the penalty, too, and lost his cuts. Renwick has done a lot for Hamilton, and LIFE is bringing that fact to the notice of the College. Honor should be given, where honor is due, and that is certainly true of the Senior just mentioned.

LIFE is sure that the good work of the Press Club will continue, and be of vast benefit to Hamilton during the coming year. It all means, we hope, continually increasing entering classes, and that is the aim of us all.

DURING THE TERM just passing, there has been a certain tendency in the student-body to criticise college customs, institutions and activities. This has been especially noticeable in some of the classes. The question naturally arises, "What is the harm of such criticism? Are Hamilton activities exempt from such comment?" And that brings us to the whole issue of the question.

Criticism, either favorable or unfavorable, is of benefit just so long as it is constructive. That is just what the Hamilton undergraduate comment, just mentioned, is not. Rather it has been destructive, and that is the variety that accomplishes no purpose, and is commonly called "knocking." It is that which we wish to condemn. Knocking can be of no value to any institution, collegiate or otherwise, and, hence, has no excuse whatever for existence. How, then, can criticism be made constructive? In the first place it must build up, rather than knock down. If a man sees something in the college activities, which does not seem to him to be the best thing in the best place, let him comment on it, either in the publications or on the Chapel platform. But, his work should not end there, as it does so often at the present time. Then it fails in its purpose, and accomplishes no result. The critic, if he has a right motive, must see something wrong, and tell others about it. Then, if his criticism is to be of any value whatever, he must start to rectify the evil, and work with all his power to accomplish his end. And the best way to do that is to make the criticism, at the very start, constructive—that is with the exposure of trouble, offer a plan for its rectification, and then start in to put that plan into practice.

The essence of the whole matter is summed up in a phrase—"BOOST, DON'T KNOCK." And that will mean a bettering of our activities, and in that way, our life at Hamilton. It will make us far more happy and the College far more healthy. Is that not a goal worth striving to attain? When some college activity is inaugurated, don't do all in your power to make it a failure, but get right under it and shove. You will be surprised to find how much more enjoyable it really is, and how much greater the chances for

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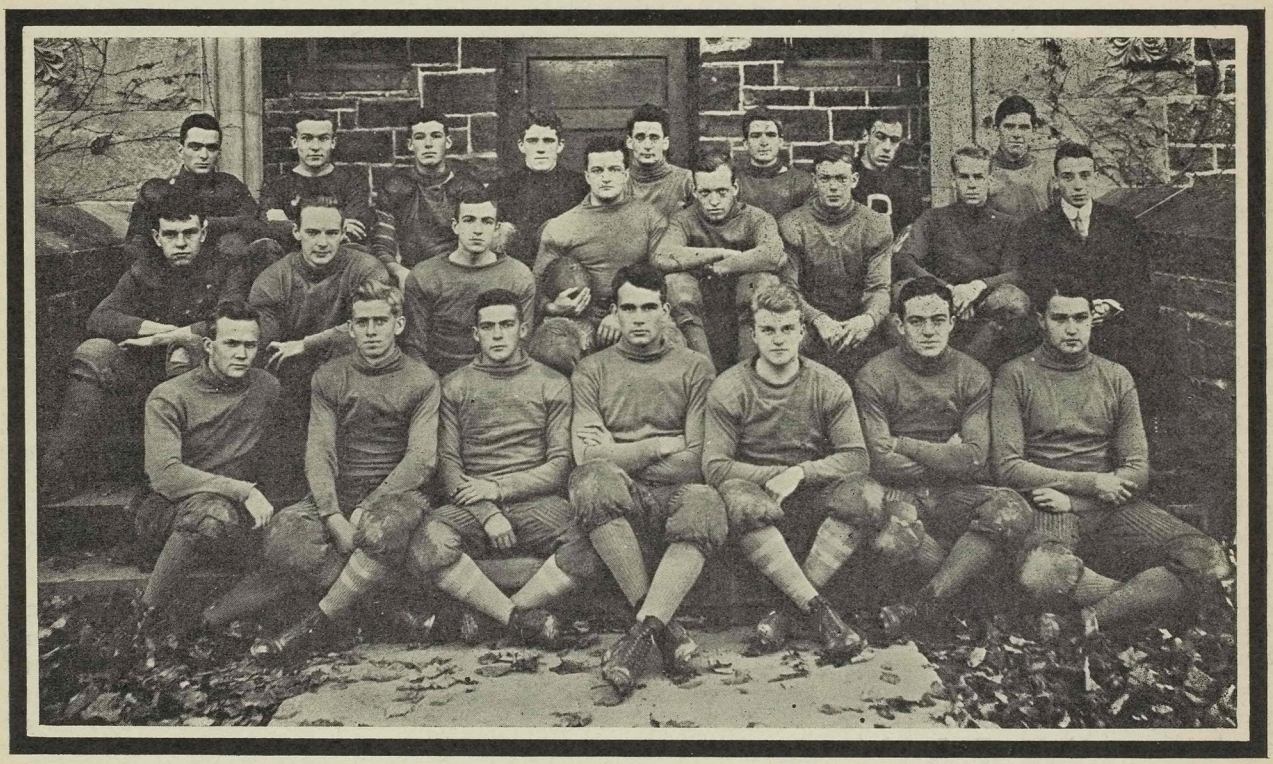

1909 FOOTBALL SQUAD

THE SEASON

Judging entirely from the outsider's view-point the Football Season of 1909 has not been a great success, provided that we consider games won and points scored against opponents the only features of a successful season. However, when all the circumstances have been taken into account, even tho a certain amount of constructive criticism is due the team, it should also receive the praise and commendation which it has rightfully earned—and that is just the purpose of this critique, namely to criticise intelligently, and honor, where honor is due.

When we returned to College this fall, the prospects for a brilliant team, which should win most of the games on its schedule, were not over bright. There were a few veterans to act as a nucleus, around which to build a team, but these, for the most part, had been made during the previous year, and so could hardly be called veterans in the true sense of the word. In addition, Loyal Leavenworth, the Captain, was unable to return to College on account of poor health. His loss was a serious handicap to the team, we all know—for he was a veteran, if there was one on the squad. Then, too, the Freshman class did not supply the quantity

of new material that was expected of it. But there was one thing on which we could base some hopes for a good season—Don Pryor was back on the Hill, and the College had great confidence in him. And rightly they should

E. P. Glover, '10, Captain.

have had such trust; the season of the year past was ample reason for it. That was the prospect at the beginning of the year, as the critic saw it.

The schedule had been arranged differently than in former years, with the purpose in view of placing the important games (meaning the games that we could win) in the most advantageous position. Profiting by the experience of the last season, Colgate was relegated to a minor place, and Union, an institution in our class, made the "Big Game." We have only commendation for this scheme, and it worked well. One of the wearing contests and one which was a serious injury to the 'Varsity—Cornell—was dropped. On the whole the schedule was much better adapted to our needs than those of former years.

A practice game with Norwich Academy opened the season. This team had been coached by Ex-Captain Schwartz, '07, and proved a good opportunity to show the relative worth of the new men. The 'Varsity won easily, the score being 10-0. Had not a new team of scrubs been substituted in the last half, the score would have been much larger. It served its purpose well.

The Syracuse game was but a repetition of the contests of former years. It was slow, and marked by much fumbling. Both teams showed lack of practice, but the Orange interference was much superior to our own, and almost entirely for that reason, scored 20 points, while the 'Varsity was unable to cross the Syracuse goal. The only features were Drummond's good kicking and McGovern's running back a punt 45 yards thru a broken field. And right here we might say that, except as a money maker, we fail to see the value of this game.

A victory over Hobart was the next contest on the schedule. Football relations were resumed with this institution for the first time in several years. The 'Varsity won with little difficulty, and, had not heavy penalties been inflicted, the score, 9-0, would undoubtedly have been larger. The ball was in Hamilton's territory thruout the greater part of the game, but the goal was never threatened, the 'Varsity never losing possession of the ball inside its own 30-yard line. This game was of great value in giving some confidence of the team.

But how disappointing was that overwhelming defeat at the hands of Colgate. The College hardly looked

J. D. Pryor, Brown, '08. Coach

for a victory, but a better showing was expected. The 48-0 score put a damper on the work of the 'Varsity and on the enthusiasm of the College, from which it did not recover until the last game of the season. The team in the first half showed a marked improvement over the first two games, and held its opponents to two touchdowns. However, it was so wearing on the men that the Coach, in order to have a team for the rest of the season, substituted many new men. Captain Glover, Wheeler, Fiske and Knox, alone, finished the game. We also fail to see the value of this contest. It certainly fails as an advertising medium, and is not a money maker. But that is a parenthesis.

But, if the contest just mentioned was disappointing, we are at a loss to find a word by which the Rochester game may be designated. From a Hamilton standpoint, the contest was a severe setback, not only because the 'Varsity was confident of revenging the defeats of the past two years, but also, because, to the critical spectator, the better team lost by a score of 17-5. The Buff and Blue gained almost at will, but when the critical moment arrived, seemed unable to force the ball over the line, either the quarterback showed lack of judgment or the backs lost their early stamina or fumbled. Perhaps, tho, it proved a lesson which was of value later in the season.

It was a badly crippled Hamilton team that met Wesleyan, and was defeated, 27-0. The absence of Drummond materially weakened the 'Varsity, leaving it without a reliable punter, and it was due to this fact that several of the touchdowns were scored. This contest, however, had one redeeming feature; it was the first manifestation of Harper's real worth as a halfback, and his phenomenal playing continued for the rest of the season.

A spectacular contest with Rutgers was the next game on the schedule. The 'Varsity was defeated, 8-5, and the loss of the game can be attributed to unreliable punting. For it was due to this fact that Rutgers forced its way close enough to the last chalk mark to make the drop-kick which won the game. The Hamilton back-field was almost irresistible, and Drummond, while he was on the field, made some splendid punts. In fact, Hamilton's play thruout was something of a revelation to her followers, who had begun to lose faith in the team after its many defeats.

R. O. A. Burns, '10, Manager

On the next Saturday, by a magnificent rally in the second half, Hamilton defeated St. Lawrence, 12-5. The first part of the game was characterized by listless playing on the part of the 'Varsity, and as a result a St. Lawrence

man got away on a long run for a touchdown. But in the second half, Harper was sent in, and his playing and fighting spirit seemed to infuse the whole team, until at the end of the game it was tearing thru the visitors

D. R. Sidle, '11, Fullback

almost at will. This contest was almost the first that showed the ability of the team to play real football.

And then Union. The 'Varsity did not score, but outplayed Union in the most interesting contest of the year. Never before has the writer witnessed on this Hill such an exhibition of real football and of real Hamilton enthusiasm. But it was disappointing, to say the least, to fail to score after outplaying its opponents, as did the Hamilton team. And especially, when we consider that such a result was due to ignorance of the rules on the part of the officials. The team was at its best thruout the contest. It was with little difficulty that the Buff and Blue backs tore thru the Garnet line, and dashed around the ends for gains of twenty or thirty yards. Union found the 'Varsity line impregnable, and gained ground only by a few successful forward passes. The Union game was a fitting close to the season, and altho the victory should have been Hamilton's, it was of value to show one fact, namely that it was but the beginning of a keen rivalry that would be of lasting benefit to the two institutions, and more than fitting to replace our old athletic relations with Colgate.

THE SQUAD

Any criticism must necessarily be but the opinion of one man, and, therefore, cannot possibly be the opinion of all. In view of this fact, the present critic will keep in the safe path of technical criticism of the individual players.

Coach Pryor had a difficult task before him at the beginning of the season, and that he accomplished it well, goes without saying. He developed the best trio of backs that has played behind a Hamilton line in the memory of the present college generation. He practically made the two light but fast ends, which positions at the beginning of the season seemed almost impossible to fill. He worked hard to make the season a success, and did everything that was in his power. We would like to see him back next year.

Edmund P. Glover, 1910, Left Guard and Captain. Prepared at the Gunnery School and the Stone School, and played on the teams of these two institutions. While possibly not showing the form of last year, he captained the team well and was the only man to play thruout evry game of the season. He was a tower of strength in the line, and on defense was a hard and sure tackler. Age 21. Height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 183 pounds.

John C. Baldwin, 1910, Left Tackle and Center. Altho he began the season in good physical condition, lack

F. H. Harper, '11, Right Halfback

of endurance weakened him. While never brilliant, reliability and consistency characterised his work thruout the season. Prepared at Poly. Prep. Age 22, height 6 feet, weight 170 pounds.

Pliny B. Fiske, 1910, Left Tackle. Had a tendency to play too high in the line, and his tackling was not always the best. He struck his gait, however, in the Union game, when to a great extent, he overcame these difficulties. Age 23, Height 6 feet, 2 inches, weight 181 pounds. Prepared at Bergen High School.

John B. Wheeler, 1910, Sub-Center. In 'Varsity games, he did not seem to show the same form that he displayed in scrimmage practice. Age 20, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 159 pounds. Prepared at Clinton Prep.

Horace G. Getman, 1910, Sub-Quarterback. Getman's poor eyesight handicaps him as a quarterback. He plays hard and consistently. He prepared at Kansas City Central High School. Age 22, height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 129 pounds.

George L. Abbott, 1910. Sub-Fullback. Nerve and pluck are the essential features of Abbott's playing. He is a trifle slow, but hits the line hard; with a little more weight he would make a remarkable fullback. Age 21, height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 146 pounds. Prepared at Camden High School.

Don Rex Sidle, 1911. Fullback. He started every game of the season, and, in this respect, showed greater endurance than he displayed last year. Always impregnable on defense, and in addition he hit the line hard and for consistent gains. Age 21. Height 5 feet 8½ inches, weight 156 pounds. He prepared at Peekskill Military Academy.

Francis R. Harper, 1911. Right Halfback. Harper struck his gait in the Wesleyan game, and from then on played probably the best individual game of any man on the team. His playing was characterised especially by speed and ability to make long gains both around the ends and thru holes in the line. He was a hard man to stop, often continuing for several yards after having been tackled. Age 19, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 165 pounds. Prepared at Clinton Prep.

Karl M. Wisehart, 1911. Right Guard, was earnest and consistent, and his weight and strength were a valuable asset to the team. Age 20, height 6 feet, weight 170 pounds. Prepared at Dickinson Seminary.

Edward C. Burdick, 1911. Left End. Burdick's inexperience in this position manifested itself during the

R. W. Drummond, '12, Right Tackle

early part of the season. He developed rapidly, however, during the season. Considering his weight, he was successful in smashing interference, and also in picking his man. He handled the forward pass and onside kick

well, and together with Peters prevented opposing teams from running back punts. Age 19, height, 5ft. 10in., weight, 140 pounds. Prepared at Fairmont High School.

Robert W. Drummond, 1912. Right Tackle. Thruout the season Drummond showed lack of endurance. As long as his strength lasted, he was a force in the line. He is the best punter the team has had in recent years, having an ability to get off long twisting spirals, which were exceedingly hard to handle. Age 20, height, 6ft., weight, 182 pounds. Prepared at Auburn High School.

William C. Knox, 1912. Left Halfback. He played in every game of the season, and his endurance was remarkable. He was a good ground-gainer, both thru the line and around the ends. He was successful in handling punts, and on defense was a good tackler, and showed ability in sizing up plays. Age 20, height 5ft. 9in., weight 146 pounds. Prepared at Colgate Academy.

Lewis B. Peters, 1912. Right End. He displayed good form thruout the season, fast under punts and in recovering onside kicks, a good tackler and an able substitute to Drummond as a punter. Age 17, height, 5ft. 8in., weight, 136 pounds. Prepared at Walden High School.

E. Clinton McGovern, 1912. Quarterback. Showed a great improvement over last season, particularly in his ability to run interference. Altho his judgment was not always the best, he was the safest man to back up the team on defense. He was also skillful in running back punts thru a broken field. Age 21, height 5ft. 7in., weight 133 pounds. Prepared at Lowville Academy.

William M. Kultchar, 1913. Sub-Halfback. The only Freshman to win his letter seems to have the football instinct, and with a little more experience, will be a valuable asset to the squad. Age 18, height 5ft. 10½in., weight 158 pounds. Prepared at Kensington, Ill.

Donald Stone, 1913. Sub-Quarterback. Altho on the whole showing good judgment, his inexperience weakened his game on defense. He is a likely candidate for next year's team. Age 17, height 5ft. 8in., weight 135 pounds. Prepared at the Stone School.

Caldwell W. Thompson, 1913. Sub-Tackle. Was one of the most valuable substitutes for the line, and this year's training should help him next season. Age 20, height 5ft. 11in., weight 155 pounds. Prepared at Middletown High School.

A. A. Getman and T. D. Martin, 1911, C. Root and D. Root, 1912, and Roberts, 1913, filled out the squad, and by their conscientious and steady work helped the team to a great degree.

the success of the undertaking become. Such an attitude on the part of the student-body cannot help but make a larger and a better Hamilton in every sense of the phrase. Let the motto of the college be in the future, "Everybody shove everything, that should be supported, shove together, and shove hard." And just that one idea has, in the past accomplished wonders.

To the Editor of LIFE:

For the information of the alumni interested in the situation, and who may have become, during the past season, somewhat downcast because of an apparently poor showing by the football team, I ask leave to communicate thru your columns, certain observations I have to make in regard to the team and the work of the season, and also in regard to the football situation in general.

I may confess that I was somewhat disappointed, as hundreds of other alumni must have been, over the failure of the team to win more games during the past season. Our feelings however, cannot be half so grinding as those of the alumni of Princeton, Cornell, Syracuse, Rochester and Union, for instance, all of whose teams have made showings disheartening to their respective supporters. The fact alone of our having lost some games we hoped to win should occasion no despondence or pessimism, especially under all the circumstances of the present season.

Coach Pryor made out of an aggregation of raw, inexperienced men, a team that sustained in the Union game, which I went down purposely to see, Hamilton's best football traditions. I say that cheerfully, and I was a member of the football team of 1900. I had heard rumors of poor judgment, of sifting thru the line, of sloppy tackling, and general lack of energy; but in the game—and I watched it critically—I could find but one error of judgment committed; the line held well, and permitted the backs to get off in good shape, the tackling was good, and the team played snappily from start to finish—in fact, better during the second half than in the first. The line men could have helped more in interfering for the splendid backs, and could have done more work under punts; but these are faults that characterize the work of evry team that is not composed of "natural-born" football players, with experience to give them sureness and confidence.

The play of the backfield was a sight for sore eyes. Never in all my acquaintance with Hamilton football have I seen a more clever and skillful set of backs. They were so eager, however, that on two or three occasions where older heads would have been a little slow and cautious, they went too fast, and spoiled what gave promise of two touchdowns.

Except for this misfortune, and one unfortunate decision—made wrongfully, as was subsequently ascertained—which deprived us of a certain touchdown, the game would surely have been ours by a satisfactory score. As it was, though our team was outweighed fifteen pounds to the man, the superiority of our team in all points of the game was manifest; and the result was a victory for us.

It must be understood that all this was accomplished practically without substitutes, practically without practice scrimmages, with several important players in bad shape, and with a raw team, only a few of whom were apt, experienced players. The achievement reflects great credit on Coach Pryor, whose reengagement for next season I most strongly advise.

On the whole, the outlook for next season seems encouraging to me. We have been under a cloud for a few seasons, just as Colgate was about the period 1899-1901, and just as a good many colleges in the country are at the present time. But we have the nucleus of an excellent team for the season of 1910. We should by all means get Pryor back. He is popular with the squad and student body, and his tact and skill and patience this year have been admirable.

We need, however, some new linemen; and it behooves every alumnus to get busy right away and prepare to send on wherever possible, likely men for these positions. The policy of the college authorities is adverse to the solicitation of athletes to enter Hamilton, and it is therefore up to interested alumni to do their utmost to recruit the ranks of our athletes. The various crowds, moreover, must be instructed to get every available man, who gives promise of making a football player, out upon the field doing his duty. This matter has been neglected of late, and many men are stalking around the campus who ought to be in football togs.

The attitude of the faculty towards football is lamentable. Instead of perceiving that a wholesome, enthusiastic college spirit can be fostered only by the encouragement of football, and by a general getting-together to put our football on a sound and successful basis, a spirit of pessimism and molly-coddleism pervades the faculty, to such an extent even that apparently a majority of the faculty want to abolish the sport. The fatuity and danger to the College of such action does not seem to be appreciated by them. They do not seem to understand that things within the College never move so smoothly and harmoniously as when our football team is "putting up a great game." I noted, with much satisfaction, last Saturday, that the President became so fired with the splendid character of the Hamilton play that he passed the side-lines and all but shouted his encouragement to the team in the stentorian fashion that used to make glad the hearts of the team of 1900. We need a good football team, I say, to dissipate some of this gloom and pessimism and fault-finding all around.

So alarmed did I become at a most startling bit of information I received last Saturday night with respect to the feeling on the part of many members of the faculty antagonistic to football, that I took immediate steps to ascertain the President's own sentiments on the matter. From the interview I had with him, I can state with confidence that the President does not share this view, and that he will not favor any proposition to abolish football. I believe it wise, however, for the alumni to take such steps as they may respectively, to convince those members of the faculty who oppose football, that their views are erroneous and dangerous to the welfare of the College, within and without.

I cannot but feel that the time requires a closer attention on the part of the younger alumni to the affairs of the College, and I hope that a sufficient number of them may be in attendance next Commencement to hold a general discussion on the state of the College and on this subject of athletics in particular.

Your respectfully,

RICHARD C. S. DRUMMOND, 1901.

Auburn, N. Y., November 17, 1909.

To the Editor of LIFE:

Certainly "A Respectful Spectator" is a misnomer. I have yet to become inculcated with that spirit which has power to speak of spiritual affairs and ability to jest while so speaking. With all due respect to whatever of manhood was evinced in last week's article

by "A Respectful Spectator," that article was ludicrous.

I thank God that the arguments for a prayer-life hold so much water that its opponents feel constrained to attack them lest they should meet a current in which they would drown. "Keep busy, and this prayer business will take care of itself" is a reversal of the experience of men who really pray. Gethsemane came in Christ's life before he went to the cross, not after. Tis most true that 'where is work, there is felt the need of prayer,' and that is one more reason for the prayer-meetings held weekly on Wednesday evening. Especially practical will those meetings be to all fellows who are practicing their religion. Furthermore, when fellows learn to struggle in their prayer they cannot be stopped in their work. We doubt if it is true that all who organize themselves to promote virtuous characteristics can do noble work without prayer. And a Y. M. C. A. without a prevailing prayer-life is a non-entity. The right type of prayer meetings are so beyond the ability of the ablest of men to explain that even their words cheapen. After all a prayer-life too is "not an explanation but an experience."

WILLIAM L. CLARK, '12.

CLASS AND SMOKER PICTURES

The pictures of the recent smoker in Commons Hall, together with the class pictures are now on exhibition in 20 South, and orders for them may be left with Westcott, '11. The pictures are excellent representations, and it is hoped that as many as possible may order copies of them. The Hamiltonian board also requests that all Seniors make out their honor lists and hand them, as soon as possible, to some member of the board. An effort is being made to have as much as possible of the routine work done before the end of the term, and the cooperation of the College is earnestly asked.

A SPEAKING INVITATION

Prof. Lewis, with the assistance of Sherwin, '10, and Wisehart, '11, is formulating a plan for the establishment of an Annual Speaking Contest, open to the entire College. Prof. Lewis believes that such a contest would not only raise the standard of speaking, but that the maintenance of a higher standard would be made possible. It is generally conceded that a man who has won a McKinley Prize is content to rest upon his laurels until his Senior year, when Clark Prize is an incentive to further work. A contest from which no man would be debarred, regardless of his previous success, would act as a stimulus and offer an inducement for steady and patient work. The plan in its present form provides for at least two try-outs, irrespective of class distinctions. Whether an award will be given by the College or an Alumnus is not yet known.

NOVEMBER LIT.

The *Lit.* for the month of November was issued Saturday. Its contents follow: Miniatures, Wisehart, '11; Chanson, (poem), J. M. H. jr., '10; God and the Game, H. E. Dounce, '10; Willows, (poem) J. P. D. Hull, '12; Harz Country Legends, S. A. Sherwin, jr., '10; Sestina of the Yellow Rose, (poem) H. E. D., '10; The Theatrical Outlook—Present and Future, J. Harry Parry, '11; Prayer for a Bookman, M. K. W., '11; The Tide is Coming In; Editorial; The White Knight; Hill Notes; Alumnianna.

SOPHOMORES VICTORIOUS

The Sophomore eleven defeated Ilion High School, Saturday, 12-0. Owing to the roughness of the field, fast playing was impossible. 1912 was unable to score in the first half. In the second half, aided by splendid interference, Boone scored twice on quarterback runs of fifty and thirty yards. Hallock kicked the goals. The line-up:

Hamilton	Ilion H. S.
Hallock	Jarvis
Left End.	
Root	Bradley
Left Tackle.	
Mason (Parker)	Gordon
Left Guard.	
DuBourdieu	Jenne
Center.	
Edick	Carney
Right Guard.	
Thomas	G. Ingersoll
Right Tackle.	
Easingwood	A. Ingersoll
Right End.	
Boone	Rasbach (Hitchcock)
Quarterback.	
Walker (Capt.)	Hart (Suley)
Left Halfback.	
C. Root	Barton
Right Halfback	
Watkin	McGowan (Capt.)
Fullback.	

Time of halves, 20 and 15 minutes. Officials: Referee, Harrison (Ilion); Umpire, McGovern, '12.

DR. WOOD IN CHINA

In a letter published last week, Dr. Frank H. Wood, who is traveling in the Orient, describes the journey from Japan to China, and his first impressions of China and the Chinese people. In crossing from the Japanese Islands to Pekin, whence he writes, the route led thru the inland Sea of Japan; then across the scene of battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets, to Dalny and Port Arthur, and thence down the coast to China.

While at Port Arthur, Dr. Wood visited the scene of the struggle that ultimately ended the war between Russia and Japan. There numerous monuments are being erected to the memory of the dead of both nationalities, and the work of removing the signs of the fierce bombardment is being carried on rapidly. In alluding to the scene, Dr. Wood writes: "It is a historic spot. The issues of that titanic struggle have not all revealed themselves as yet. As I came winding down the hill in the warm sunshine of the bright September day, my thoughts were busy with the prospect of universal peace. Experience does indeed teach a dear school, but neither fools nor wise men learn much of value in any other."

At Pekin, Dr. Wood is giving a series of lectures on "Constitutional Government." The Chinese are apt students of the governmental policies of other nations, there being nearly 400 at the first lecture, and at succeeding lectures the attendance was increased.

THE SCOPE OF THE COLLEGE

In looking over the last Catalogue it is interesting to note that the College has representatives from fourteen states and from the West Indies. New York naturally leads with 155 students. New Jersey and the District of Columbia are next with four each. California, Ohio, Massachusetts and Illinois have three apiece; Missouri, Minnesota and Pennsylvania have only one. Among the cities, Greater New York leads with a delegation of 18. Clinton follows closely with 14, and Utica is third with 9. Besides these, over one hundred other cities and towns are represented, and as many different schools. Thru this broad representation in the student-body, and by means of the Press Club, which is sending news from the College and also the college publications to many schools, Hamilton is being brought continually to the attention of the next college generation.

—Alumni who have visited the Hill during the past week include Rodger, '82, Ballobanoff, '84, Drummond, '01, Jones, '03, Evans, '05, Crumb, '05, Nellis, '06, Edie, '06.

—Senator Davenport gave an address at Fort Plain last Wednesday.

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